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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The "public regulation commission" is created. commission shall consist of five members [elected from districts provided by law] appointed for staggered four-year terms [beginning on January 1 of the year following their election; provided that those chosen at the first. Members elected at the 1998 general election [after the adoption of this section] shall immediately classify themselves by lot, so that two of them shall hold office for two years and three of

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them for four years [and further provided that, after serving two terms, members shall be ineligible to hold office as a commission member until one full term has intervened. No commissioner or candidate for the commission shall accept anything of value from a person or entity whose charges for services to the public are regulated by the commission], and thereafter the members shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The legislature shall provide by law for the ethical conduct of the members."

Section 2. The provisions of this amendment shall take effect January 1, 1999.

Section 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date which may be called for that purpose.

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